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SUBJECT: TRIP TO CUBA BY CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY LEADER HUSAK

1. CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY AND GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATION HEADED BY KSC SECRETARY GENERAL HUSAK PAID " OFFICIAL, FRIENDLY VISIT" TO CUBA APRIL 2-7. BESIDES TALKS IN HAVANA WITH FIDEL CASTRO AND OTHERS (BROTHER RAUL BEING CONSISTENTLY MENTIONED AS RANKING NEXT TO FIDEL), HUSAK AND HIS GROUP (INCLUDING BILAK, KORCAK, ZAHRADNIK AND DEPFONMIN HRUZA) SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME TOURING ISLAND.

2. AS IN CASE OF CASTRO VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN JUNE 1972 (PRAGUE 1147 AND 1154), HUSAK VISIT PRODUCED LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSING JOINT VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS RELATING TO ALL CONTINENTS. ONLY CONCRETE NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUE IS CONSULAR CONVENTION.

3. COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT HUSAK AND CASTRO DISCUSSED UNIDENTIFIED " NEW FACTORS" IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH HAD ARISEN SINCE LAST MEETING. THEY ALSO " EX-CHANGED VIEWS" ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, BUT COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT STATE FULL UNITY OF VIEWS ON ALL SUBJECTS. INTER ALIA CZECHOSLOVAKS CONGRATULATED CUBA ON BREAKING US- ORGANIZED

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" DIPLOMATIC BLOCKADE" AND ATTACKED U. S. FOR HOLDING GUANTANAMO,
WHILE CUBANS SUPPORTED CZECHOSLOVAK ATTEMPTS TO
NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH FRG ON BASIS " ILLEGAL CHARACTER
AND INVALIDITY OF MUNICH DIKTAT."

4. HUSAK INVITED CASTRO TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGAIN,
DATE TO BE DECIDED.
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